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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA GREAT FALLS DIVISION

WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS et al.,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. CV-16-21-GF-BMM

JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND STAY OF PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

Plaintiffs Western Organization of Resource Councils, et al. (collectively "WORC"), moved for attorneys' fees and costs on January 31, 2019, ECF No. 138.

The same day, WORC moved to stay briefing on that motion to allow the parties

time for settlement negotiations. ECF No. 140. The Court entered a stay until April 1, 2019. ECF No. 143

The parties have tentatively agreed to settle the issue of attorneys' fees and costs subject to final approval from Federal Defendants. To ensure sufficient time to obtain such approval, the Parties jointly move to extend the stay of briefing on WORC's motion for attorneys' fees until May 31, 2019.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(c)(3), a proposed order is included as Attachment 1 to this motion.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of March 2019,

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